GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Menstruation Hygiene
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has any plans to promote menstruation hygiene among the school girls and those who stay at home in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has developed any mechanism to provide sanitary napkins free of cost to girls in the rural and the backward areas of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the services of Asha and Anganwadi Workers are likely to be employed for distribution of sanitary napkins free of cost; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (f): The Government is promoting menstrual hygiene through various Ministries namely Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Under this programme adolescent girls are provided knowledge and information about menstrual hygiene, proper use of sanitary napkins and safe disposal by environmentally friendly methods.

Under the National Health Mission, funds are provided to the States/UTs for the promotion of menstrual hygiene based on the proposals received from the States in their programme implementation plans (PIPs). As part of this initiative sanitary napkins are to be provided to adolescent girls by their States/UTs at a subsidized rate of Rs. 6.00 per pack of six napkins through the ASHAs. During FY 2016-17, seventeen (17) States were provided funds for decentralised procurement of sanitary napkins through National Health Mission while eight (8) States implemented the scheme through their State/UT budget.